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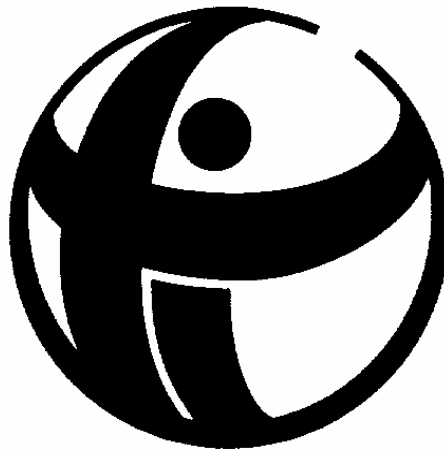
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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction:

TIB is implementing the National Integrity Program (NIP), which has four components:

- ❑ Fact-Finding Exercise (FFE),
- ❑ Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs),
- ❑ Advice and Information Center (AIC) and
- ❑ National Integrity Workshops (NIWs).

During the period (July–September, 2001), the NIP team has achieved most of the targets as outlined in our previous quarterly report. It should be mentioned that the activities of NIP was adversely affected by two events: the publication of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2001, and the General Elections held on 1st October 2001. Following is a summary of progress in the third quarter, 2001.

1.2 Fact-Finding Exercise:

TIB completed the FFE on three watchdog agencies. These are:

- ❑ Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC),
- ❑ Comptroller & Auditor General office (C & AG), and
- ❑ Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

TIB released the FFE report on BAC through a round table discussion on 30th December, 2001 at CIRDAP Auditorium in Dhaka. TIB also presented a working paper on the nature and forms of the proposed Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC) at the round table discussion. The other two FFE reports will be released through a round table discussion by the next quarter. (January-March, 2002). (See Chapter Two)

1.3 Committees of Concerned Citizens:

Out of six CCCs, four CCCs conducted a number of activities in this quarter (Oct. - Dec. 2001). A need assessment study for the training for CCCs members was conducted in Madhupur. The CCC members of Madhupur and Muktagacha were present at the occasion. Through the need assessment study, TIB prepared a module for the training of CCCs members. TIB also arranged an advocacy training at BARD, Comilla at this quarter. The CCC members from Nalitabari and Muktagacha attended the training. The Kishorganj CCC met with the district administrative and education officials and presented the findings of the report card on primary education. They also met with the leaders of the teachers association of Kishorganj Sadar Upazilla and presented the findings of the report card on primary education. The Madhupur CCC also conducted advocacy

program in their areas regarding the findings of the report card. The other CCCs are also tried to met with education officials in their respective areas. But due to lack of cooperation of some officials, they could not do. Some of the Jamalpur CCC members decided not to work with TIB due to the release of CPI, 2001. The Kishorganj CCC convener decided not to work with TIB. Some of CCC members of different areas also decided not to work with TIB.

All of the proposed CCC have been formed in the identified areas. All of the CCC have started their activities. During the third quarter of 2001, all of the CCC have carried out a number of activities. All of the CCC released report card surveys on primary education in their respective areas through a press conference. The Muktagacha, Madhupur and Kishorganj CCC arranged workshop in their respective areas in this quarter. The Muktagacha, Madhupur and Mymensingh CCC published report card surveys on the contesting candidates in the 8th General Elections. These three CCC also arranged projection meetings of candidates in their respective areas. The Kishorganj and Nalitabari CCC also tried to prepare report card surveys on the contesting candidates, but due to lack of cooperation with some candidates, they could not do the report card surveys. The Mymensingh CCC formed a theatre group in this quarter. The Kishorganj and Nalitabari CCC also started their advocacy program on the report card survey on primary education. All of the CCC identified an advocacy strategy on the report card survey on primary education. (See Chapter Three)

1.4 Advice And Information Center:

The third component of the program, the establishment of an Advice and Information Center (AIC), is closely related to the setting up of CCC. The latest information regarding the extent, nature and location of corruption in Bangladesh will flow into this central clearing-house from the CCC. The proposed AIC under the NIP would be housed in Mymensingh.

The NIP team has undertaken the following activities in order to establish the proposed AIC:

1. News scan database;
2. Report card survey on primary education;
3. Report card survey on health; and
4. Information-gathering and dissemination on “How to get services from public service delivery institutions”.
5. Report card survey on “The textbook crisis of secondary school students”
6. Training manual on report card surveys.

(See Chapter Four)

1.5 National Integrity Workshops:

The fourth component of the NIP is the holding of National Integrity Workshops, based on the experience of the first three components. The NIP team conducted a number of workshops on corruption, transparency and accountability in this quarter. We are expecting also to conduct a number of workshops in the next quarter (October-December, 2001).

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CHAPTER TWO FACT-FINDING EXERCISE

2.1 Introduction:

The NIP team completed the proposed Fact-Finding Exercise on Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC), Comptroller and Auditor General Office (C & AG), and Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The NIP team has decided to conduct another FFE on Ombudsman. The following is a brief discussion of these three agencies.

2.2 Bureau of Anti-Corruption:

The Fact-Finding Exercise on BAC has been completed. Two additional chapters have been added to the report on BAC, one on the nature and form of the proposed Independent Commission on Anti-Corruption and another on different countries experiences on anti-corruption activities. We are expecting to publish the report on BAC by the next quarter (October-December 2001) through a seminar/round-table workshop.

2.3 Comptroller and Auditor General Office:

The Fact-Finding Exercise on C & AG's office has been completed. The NIP team is trying to identify some indicators to monitor the performances of C & AG. We are expecting to publish the report on C & AG by the 1st quarter of 2002.

2.4 Public Accounts Committee (PAC):

The Fact-Finding Exercise on PAC office has been completed. The NIP team is trying to identify some indicators to monitor the performances of PAC. We are expecting to publish the report on PAC by the 1st quarter of 2002.

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CHAPTER THREE COMMITTEES OF CONCERNED CITIZENS

3.1 Introduction:

The main objectives of the formation of the Committees of Concerned Citizens are to create local lobbying groups seeking to curb corruption, instigate reform and promote integrity in public service delivery systems. The formation of CCC has been completed. All of the CCC have started their activities.

3.2 On-going activities of the CCC of six areas:

3. 2.1 Report Card on Primary Education:

The report card survey on primary education has been completed. All of the CCC released the findings of the report card survey through press conferences. An advocacy strategy has been developed on the report card survey on education. All of the CCC decided to try to curb corruption, which has been revealed by the survey in primary education through the following plans. The following table also showed the completed activities in this quarter (July-September, 2001):

List of activities		Mymensingh	Muktagacha	Madhupur	Jamalpur	Nalitabari	Kishorganj
01.	Arrange press conference	*	*	*	*	*	*
02.	Send the report to local education officials	*	*	*	*	*	*
03.	Send the report to the local teachers' association	*	*	*	*	*	*

04.	Send the report to the local political and public representatives					
05.	Send the report to the higher education officials					
06.	Send the report to the education secretary and education minister					
07.	Meet with the Upazilla Education Officer					*
08.	Meet with the local food distributor of Food for Education Program					
09.	Meet with the local leaders of teachers' association					
10.	Meet with the Upazilla Executive Officer					
11.	Meet with the district education officials					
12.	Meet with the guardian of primary school students					

3. 2.2 Report Card on Health:

The data collection, tabulation and analysis of data have been finished. The report-writing is going on, but TIB has decided to finish it later, because all of the CCC are engaged with the advocacy program on the report card survey on education.

3.2.3 Mobile theatre show on the findings of the report card on primary education:

TIB and Mymensingh CCC jointly organized a mobile theatre group in Mymensingh. The main objective of the mobile theatre is to create awareness amongst the people regarding their rights. The theatre group performed eleven show in four CCC areas. The theatre group couldn't perform any show in Kishorganj due to rain on the performing day. The CCC members of Jamalpur showed no interest in performing theatre in Jamalpur before the national General Election. So, no show was performed in Jamalpur. The following table shows statistics of performing the mobile theatre show:

	Name of the CCC area	Number of shows performed in the second quarter (April-June, 2001)	Number of shows performed in the third quarter (July-September, 2001)
1.	Mymensingh	02	03
2.	Muktagacha	-	03
3.	Madhupur	00	02
4.	Nalitabari	02	-
5.	Jamalpur	-	-

6.	Kishorganj	-	-
	Total	04	08

3.2.4 Report card survey on “Choose the Right Candidate Program”:

The CCC members of Mymensingh sadar, Muktagacha and Madhupur prepared three report card surveys on the contesting candidates for the national general election for these three areas. The main objective of this program is to disseminate information about the contesting candidates among the voters. So that, the voters could choose the right candidate in the elections. In this program, the CCC members collected basic information about the contesting candidates. The CCC published three leaflets for three areas containing this information and disseminated the leaflets among the voters. The CCC also arranged launching ceremonies for leaflet in these three areas. This launching ceremony was arranged in Madhupur and Mymensingh on 22nd September and in Muktagacha on 25th September, 2001. In Mymensingh and Madhupur, most of the contesting candidates of major political parties were present on the occasion. Representatives from different segments of society were present. The contesting candidates gave speeches on the occasion. They appreciated the initiatives by the CCC members. In Muktagacha, a lot of people from different segments of society were present. In Mymensingh and Muktagacha, the CCC convenor presided over the meeting. In Madhupur, the Upazilla Executive Officer presided over the meeting. In Kishorganj and Nalitabari, the CCC members also tried to do report card survey. But, due to the lack of cooperation from some candidates, it was not possible to do the report card survey.

3.2.5 Seminar on “The Role of Civil Society in Transparent Election Process and Democracy”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Muktagacha of TIB organized a seminar entitled “The Role of Civil Society in Transparent Election Process and Democracy” on 4th August 2001 at Poura Pathagar Milanayatan, Muktagacha, Mymensingh. (See Chapter Five)

3.2.6 Seminar on “Moral Values and Civil Society to Preserve Civil Rights”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Kishorganj sadar of TIB organized a seminar entitled “Moral Values and Civil Society to Preserve Civil Rights” on 21st July, 2001 at Kishorganj Press Club. (See Chapter Five)

3.2.7 Seminar on “Transparency in Public Administration and Democracy”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Madhupur of TIB organized a seminar entitled “Transparency in Public Administration and Democracy” on 28th July, 2001 at Upazilla Training and Development center, Madhupur. (See Chapter Five)

3.2.8 Information-gathering and dissemination on “How to get services from public service delivery institutions”

The Mymensingh CCC is gathering information on how people can easily get services from some public institutions. They will disseminate the gathered information through leaflet and mobile theatre (See Chapter Four)

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CHAPTER FOUR ADVICE AND INFORMATION CENTER

4.1 Introduction:

The third component of NIP is the establishment of an Advice and Information Center (AIC), which is closely related to the setting up of CCC. The latest information regarding the extent, nature and location of corruption in Bangladesh will flow into this central clearing-house from the CCC. The proposed AIC under the NIP would be housed in Mymensingh.

The AIC under the project will compile and manage information from the CCC throughout the country as well as obtain data from other sources such as newspapers and research. The AIC will also supervise further corruption surveys at specified time intervals to follow-up in the fight against corruption.

The AIC will also administer the task of disseminating information and advice to the public via quarterly newsletters, reports, academic papers, press releases and press conferences. The AIC will also co-ordinate the findings of the ‘report cards’ generated by the CCC across geographic regions in order to foster competition for integrity throughout the country. It will collect

information about the ‘islands of integrity’, which have been formed and then report those through appropriate media.

Other long-term objectives of the AIC would be to develop creative ways to compile and analyze data, such as formulating a vulnerability index that measures the effect of corruption on different demographic groups. It would assist in publishing a corruption almanac that lists data in tables and charts, which can be used to make comparisons across the country and among nations.

The NIP team has undertaken the following activities to establish AIC;

1. News scan database;
2. Report card survey on primary education;
3. Report card survey on health; and
4. Information gathering and dissemination on “How to get services from public service delivery institutions”.
5. Report card survey on land.
6. Training manual on report card survey.

4.2 News scan database:

A database on corruption news reported in the national and local dailies has been established for the proposed AIC. There are several steps in the study. Samples are collected from published stories in sixteen widely used national and five local dailies. The NIP team is using a data capture form. Data capture form is the input sheet for data analysis. Various cross-checking methods are put in place to ensure the reliability of these samples. Then follows the corroboration procedure by random selection of some stories. This corroboration procedure is necessary to ensure validity of these samples in the Database. The first corruption database report was published in September, 2000. The second corruption database report (July-December 2000) was published on 13th April, 2001. The third report will be published in February, 2002. TIB decided to delay the release of the six-monthly (January to June 2001) report due to the controversy caused by the release of the Corruption Perceptions Index 2001 by TI.

4.3 Report card:

4.3.1 Report card on primary education:

The report card survey on primary education was released in the CCC areas. The CCC prepared nine report cards on primary education: eight report cards for eight areas, one report card for all areas.

The report card survey on primary education for Madhupur area was released in Tangail on 1st June, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Daily Ittefaq, Bangladesh Observer and Prothom Alo. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card survey. The Upazilla Nirbahi Officer of Madhupur informed the Upazilla Education Officer about corruption in primary education. The Education Officer met with the TIB Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) convenor of Madhupur. The Education Officer accepted the findings of the report card survey. She offered to work together with the CCC to curb corruption in primary education in Madhupur.

The report card survey on primary education for Muktagacha was released in Muktagacha on 1st June, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Daily Ittefaq, Prothom Alo, and Manabjomin. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card with the comments of the Muktagacha Education Officer. In a statement, the Education Officer refused to accept the findings of the report card survey. She threatened to file a police case against TIB. She was a member of CCC of Muktagacha. This led her to resign from CCC membership. Although she had been supportive in providing some information she felt betrayed when the findings were made public without her prior knowledge. The incident had compromised her position among her own departmental colleagues and caused substantial damage to her image.

The report card survey on primary education for Nalitabari was released in Sherpur on 1st June, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Prothom Alo. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card survey. We did not receive any comments from the education offices. But, some of the local youth informed some of corrupt teachers about the findings. The teachers became more careful about their corrupt practices.

The report card survey on primary education for Kishorganj was released in Kishorganj on 1st June, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Prothom Alo. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card survey. A five-member team of Kishorganj CCC met with the Education Officer and informed him about the findings of the report card survey. The Education Officer accepted the findings of the report

card survey. The Education Officer affirmed the team that he would try to minimize the corruption from primary education.

The report card survey on primary education for Jamalpur was released in Jamalpur on 1st June, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Prothom Alo. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card. The education officials accepted the findings partially.

The report card survey on primary education for Mymensingh was released in Mymensingh on 26th August, 2001 through a press conference. The findings of the report card survey were published in Prothom Alo and Muktakantha. A number of local dailies also published the findings of the report card. We did not get any comments from the education officials.

4.3.2 Report card on health

TIB decided to complete the report card survey on health by the end of this year because all of the CCC members are engaged with the advocacy program on report card survey on education. So the report card on health will be released by the end of this year.

4.3.3 Report card on land administration:

It has been decided to conduct a report card survey on the land administration. The first draft questionnaire has been completed in this quarter. The data collection will be finalized by the end of the next quarter (October-December, 2001).

4.4 Information gathering and dissemination on “How to get services from public service delivery institutions”:

The CCC decided to gather information on how to get services from public service delivery institutions. They also decided to distribute it through a published manual, leaflet and mobile theatre. The CCC started their activities. Initially, through a group discussion, 12 major sectors have been identified. The following table shows the list of activities of the proposed AIC, which have been completed, and of those activities targeted to be completed next quarter (October-December):

	Institutions		Present status
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	Name of the sector		Nature of information	Completed in the 3 rd quarter Collected information *	Targeted in the 4 th quarter	
					Editing information *	Disseminating *
01.	Education	All educational institutions of Mymensingh	How students can be admitted at these institutions, what kinds of facilities are providing by these institutions.	*	*	*
02.	Telephone and Telegraph	Mymensingh T & T office	How people can get telephone services	*	*	*
03.	Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC)	Mymensing BAC office	How people can send their complaint on corruption	*	*	*
04.	Passport and Immigration	Mymensingh passport office	How people can get a passport	*	*	*
05.	Commercial Bank	Sonali bank	How people can get services from a commercial bank	*	*	*
06.	Krishi Bank	Krishi Bank	How people can get services from Krishi Bank	*	*	*
07.	Electricity	Power Development Board (PDB) and Palli Biddut Samity	How people can get electricity in their houses and business institutions	*	*	*
08.	Health	Madhupur Thana Health Complex and Mymensingh Medical College	How people can get health facilities from these hospitals.	*	*	*

09.	Land	and Hospital Land registration office, Land Teahsilder office and settlement office	How people can pay land tax, how people register their land etc.	*	*	*
10.	Local government	Union Parishad	What kinds of services are providing by UP and how people can get these services.	*	*	*
11.	Police	Thana	How people can make FIR and GD.	*	*	*
12.	Lower Judiciary	Magistrate court	How people can get services from magistrates' court	*	*	*

4.5 Training manual on report card survey:

The research officer of TIB is preparing a training manual on report card surveys. It would be used to train the CCC members on report card survey. The first draft of the manual has been prepared.

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CHAPTER FIVE NATIONAL INTEGRITY WORKSHOPS

5.1.Introduction:

The fourth component of the Nation Integrity Program is the holding of National Integrity Workshops, based on the experiences of the first three components, the fourth component will be launched. The NIP team decided to conduct a number of workshops during the project period.

5.2 Seminar on “The Role of Civil Society in Transparent Election Process and Democracy”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Muktagacha of TIB organized a seminar entitled “The Role of Civil Society in Transparent Election Process and Democracy” on 4th August 2001 at Poura Pathagar Milanayatan, Muktagacha, Mymensingh. Professor Muzaffer Ahmad, Member of TIB Board of Trustees, attended the seminar as the chief guest, while Advocate Shamsul Haque, convenor of Muktagacha CCC, presided over the seminar. Advocate

Anisur Rahman Khan, a CCC member of Mymensingh Sadar, was present as the special guest. Mr. Khondoker Muzahidul Haque, Lecturer of A. M. College, presented a paper on “Free, Fair and Transparent Election: Pre-condition of Democracy”. Mr. Zulfiker Rafique Ranju, Lecturer of Phulpur Degree College, Mymensingh presented another paper on “The Role of Civil Society in Preserving Civil Rights and Establishment of Democracy”. More than two hundred people from different segments of the society were present at the seminar.

Mr. Mahbubur Rahman Bulbul conducted the seminar. There was a discussion panel of four at the seminar, consisting of Ms Selina Begum and Advocate Sharafuddin Ahmad (both are the CCC members of Muktagacha) Mr. Sawpan Kumar Das, Principal Muktagacha College, and Jay Prakash Sarker, scriptwriter.

5.3 Seminar on “Moral Values and Civil Society to Preserve Civil Rights”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Kishorganj sadar of TIB organized a seminar entitled “Moral Values and Civil Society to Preserve Civil Rights” on 21st July, 2001 at Kishorganj Press Club. Professor Rafiqur Rahman Chowdhury, convenor of Kishorganj CCC, presented a paper on “Corruption and Conception of Life”, while Professor Sarif Raza, a CCC member of Kishorganj, presented another on “Role of the Civil Society to Preserve Civil Rights”. The Executive Director of TIB attended the seminar as the chief guest while Professor Rafiqur Rahman Chowdhury, convenor of Kishorganj CCC, presided over the seminar. Advocate Ashoke Sarker conducted the seminar. There was a discussion panel of five at the seminar, consisting of Ms Nazmun Nahar Molly and Mr. Shafiqul Islam (both are the CCC members of Kishorganj) Mr. Shaj Azizur Hoque, lawyer and journalist, Mr. Bhupendra Bhounik Dolon, lawyer, and Nasir Uddin Faruqui, lawyer. More than a hundred and fifty people from different segments of society were present. Representatives from DFID were present at the seminar.

Professor Rafiqur Rahman Chowdhury in his paper said, “It is inspired by the romantic imagination of making an Island of Integrity. I am not sure whether it will be possible to build up an Island of Integrity. Even if it were possible, I wonder if it would be able to resist the turbulent waves of the sea of corruption all around. What we need in these circumstances is to create a sea of virulent hatred for corruption. The violent waves of the sea of hatred can wash corruption away from our land.”

A number of national and local dailies covered the seminar the following day (22nd July).

5.4 Seminar on “Transparency in Public Administration and Democracy”

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) of Madhupur of TIB organized a seminar entitled “Transparency in Public Administration and Democracy” on 28th July, 2001 at Upazilla Training and Development Center, Madhupur. Professor Golum Samdani, convenor of Madhupur CCC, presented a paper on “The Role of Citizens, Civil Society and Political Parties in a Transparent Election Process”, while Professor Zoynal Abedin, a CCC member of Madhupur, presented another on “Forest, Afforestation and Corruption: Perspective Madhupur”. The chief guest Samson H. Chowdhury, a Trustee member of TIB was not present in the seminar. Professor Dizen Sharma, a renowned writer of environment, was present as the special guest. The Executive Director of TIB attended the seminar. Professor Golum Samdani, convenor of Madhupur CCC, presided over the seminar, while Ekram Hossain, Program Officer of TIB, conducted the seminar. There was a discussion panel of seven at the seminar, consisting of General Secretary of Tangail press club, first class magistrate of Madhupur, Assistant Headmaster of Rani Vabani Pilot High School, Head Master of Karpose Kristi High School, Madhupur, Principal of Madhupur College, General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League of Madhupur and a forest officer. More than hundred and fifty people from different segments of the society were present.

5.5 Workshops on “Systemic corruption in primary education: Role of mobile theatre in creating awareness among people”

TIB decided to conduct thirteen workshops through mobile theatre on “Systemic corruption in primary education: Role of mobile theatre in creating awareness among people” in six CCC areas. TIB has conducted twelve workshops in four CCC areas. Four workshops were conducted in the second quarter of 2001. Eight workshops were conducted in the third quarter of 2001. One workshop was postponed due to raining. The following table shows a summary of the mobile theatre workshops in the third quarter.

	Month of the showing	CCC Area	Venue	Number of Audiences	Remarks
01.	July	Muktagacha	The field of Nabarun Bidda Nikatan School	50	Due to the CPI release, the CCC did not publicize the mobile theatre show As a result, small number of audiences were

02.	July	Muktagacha	Poura Pathagar	200	present.
03.	July	Mymensingh	Muktamancha The field of Mymensingh College	Above 100	
04.	August	Madhupur	Field of Iven Technical School	150-200	
05.	August	Madhupur	Madhupur Bazar	500	
06.	August	Muktagacha	Chouringimor Hospital Complex	500	
07.	August	Mymensingh	Mymensingh Rail Station	700	
08.	August	Mymensingh	Saheb Quarter Park	200	

Through mobile theatre, TIB is trying to disseminate the rights of students of primary education and the corruption faced by the students. The main objective of the mobile theatre is to create awareness among the students about the rights of students. The participants of the workshop made the following comments on the mobile theatre:

- ☐ The drama is fine.
- ☐ The subject matter of the drama is simple and the way of presentations is easy to understand.
- ☐ People would be able to learn about the corruption in primary education.
- ☐ If this kind of drama can be shown among illiterate people, it would be helpful.
- ☐ The number of songs about corruption should be increased.
- ☐ It is necessary to increase such organizations as TIB.
- ☐ No works can be done without money in primary schools.
- ☐ The teachers do not evaluate the guardians.
- ☐ All of us should work together in curbing corruption.
- ☐ Propaganda should increase against corruption.
- ☐ Anti-corruption organizations should meet with poor people.
- ☐ This kind of drama should be conducted all over the country.

5.6 Completed in the third quarter, 2001:

The NIP team conducted eleven workshops in the third quarter of 2001. We expect to conduct five workshops in the fourth quarter of 2001.

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CHAPTER SIX LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Fact-Finding Exercise:

Initially it was decided that TIB should finish the FFE on three watchdog agencies within three months. But in reality it has taken TIB one and a half years to complete the FFE. The officials were very helpful and have tried to give us information. Some of them also want to reform their organizations from within, but because of the Official Secrets Act 1923, TIB could not gather more substantial information. TIB also realized that it is necessary to monitor the performance of these watchdog agencies. TIB has decided to prepare report cards on these three watchdog agencies periodically. By preparing report cards, TIB will be able to monitor the performance of these three watchdog agencies. TIB decided to publish the three reports in this quarter (July-

September, 2001). But due to the 8th General Elections being held TIB couldn't publish the reports.

6.2 Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC):

TIB initially identified 16 criteria to select the CCC areas. But, in the event TIB used only 13 criteria. TIB identified 15 essential and 8 preferential criteria to select the members of CCC. TIB actually used 14 essential and 6 preferential criteria. TIB decided to involve a minimum of 25% female members. But TIB could not reach that target and could involve only 21% female members. TIB also tried to involve government officials, but notwithstanding their support they felt that involvement with TIB could jeopardize their employment record. In this quarter, a number of CCC members of all areas were busy in election campaigning. As a result, they could not get involved with CCC activities.

6.3 Advice and Information Center:

We are now in the process of establishing the AIC in Mymensingh to be based at the CCC office.

6.4 National Integrity Workshops:

CCC members are organizing and conducting workshops. The CCC conducted 13 workshops on mobile theatre and the general public showed a high level of interest in mobile theatre.

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CHAPTER SEVEN FUTURE PLANNING

7.1 Introduction: We expect to achieve good progress in the next quarter, depending on the political condition.

7.2 Future planning for the Fact-Finding Exercise in the next quarter (October-December, 2001): In the next quarter, we expect that we shall finish the following activities:

7.2.1 Bureau of Anti-Corruption: We expect to publish the report on the Bureau of Anti-Corruption through a seminar.

7.2.2 Comptroller and Auditor General Office: We expect to identify the indicator to monitor the performances of C & AG Office.

7.2.3 Public Accounts Committee: We expect to identify an indicator to monitor the performances of PAC.

7.2.4 Summary of Future Planning on FFE: The following table is a summary of future planning of FFE:

Future planning for the Fact-Finding Exercise in the next quarter (October-December, 2001)	
Activities	Target in the next quarter
Bureau of Anti-corruption	Publish the report
Comptroller & Auditor General Office	Identify the indicator
Public Accounts Committee	Identify the indicator

7.3 Future Planning for the Committees of Concerned Citizens in the next quarter (October-December, 2001):

We expect to finish the following activities in the next quarter:

	Process of selecting individuals	NAME OF THE AREA					
		Madhupur	Mymensingh	Muktagacha	Jamalpur	Nalitabari	Kishorganj
		Target	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
A.	Advocacy program on the report card survey on primary education						
01.	Send the findings of the education report survey to the local political and public representatives	*	*	*	*	*	*
02.	Send the findings of the education report card survey to the higher education officials	*	*	*	*	*	*
04	Send the findings of the education report card survey to the education secretary and education minister	*	*	*	*	*	*
05	Meet with the Upazilla education officer	*	*	*	*	*	
06	Meet with the local food distributor of Food for	*	*	*	*	*	*

	Education Program						
07	Meet with the local leaders of teachers' association	*	*	*	*	*	*
08	Meet with the Upazilla Executive Officer	*	*	*	*	*	*
09	Meet with the district education officials	*	*	*	*	*	*
B.	Publish the report card on Health						
01.	Publish the report card on health	*	*	*	*	*	*
C.	Workshop and seminar						
01.	Conduct seminar and workshop on transparency, accountability and corruption	*	*	*	*	*	*

7.4 Conclusion:

We expect that we will be able to finish all of the targeted activities in the next quarter. The achievement depends on political stability and environment, among other risks. The plan may have to be changed, if unexpected risks, are encountered.

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